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Huge Forces Massing Near Metz:

Allies Speed Up Preparations For Decisive Assault On Germany

**FIVE GREAT ARMIES
PREPARED FOR STRIKE**

BY OUR MILITARY COMMENTATOR

Supreme H.Q., Saturday.

ANY HOUR NOW, FIVE GREAT ALLIED ARMIES WILL BE POISED IN LINE FOR THE LAST DECISIVE ASSAULT FROM THE WEST ON THE FORTRESS OF GERMANY. GENERAL PATCH'S SEVENTH ARMY ARE NEARING BELFORT—THEY WERE LAST REPORTED ONLY NINE MILES AWAY—AND SOON THEY WILL BE IN LINE WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE ALLIED TROOPS IN FRANCE. TONIGHT BRUSSELS RADIO SAID FRENCH FORCES WERE WITHIN 2½ MILES OF BELFORT, AND SERTORIUS, GERMAN MILITARY COMMENTATOR, DECLARED THAT THE BULK OF THE SEVENTH ARMY WAS ADVANCING TOWARDS THE TOWN AFTER TURNING NORTH-EAST FROM THE SWISS BORDER AND THE DOUBS RIVER.

General Eisenhower is speeding up preparations for the grand attack. The German Radio yesterday reported that the Allies have massed huge forces of men and material in the Metz area, and added: "Large-scale assaults in this area appear imminent."

All the time U.S. armour, infantry and supplies are pouring into the bridgeheads established over the Moselle. Here General Patton's Third Army is building up in strength, despite terrific fire from camouflaged German forts striding the river's eastern banks.

When his men link up with Patch's driving to the north-east, the five Allied armies—the Canadian, the Second British, the First, Third and Seventh U.S.—will be in a position to strike.

Because of the need for operational secrecy while this vast blow is being mounted, we can expect little or no authoritative guidance during the next few days.

The Germans are naturally anxious to glean some indication of where the Allied armies will strike. Many of the enemy units are completely out of touch with their headquarters, and, because of lack of air reconnaissance, are in the dark about our concentrations.

Already, however, it is known that the Allies have two fine springboards from which to deliver the onslaught on Germany. One is the bridgehead over the Albert Canal, which is being solidly extended; and the other is the U.S. bridgehead over the Moselle, now firmly established.

Meanwhile, there will be a lot of mopping up of German troops and down France and in the various ports which will swell the bag of prisoners—now around 500,000.

In the Belgium-Holland sector, Canadian and Polish spearheads are driving across North Belgium and have linked up in the Roulers area with the British.

While one unconfirmed report stated that the Canadians had reached Brugge, it was revealed tonight that infantry of the First Canadian Army have established a bridgehead over the Albert Canal in the area of Oostcamp, just south of the German frontier.

Canadian and Polish forces have been driving across the canal near Neudam.

Along the Meuse, in the territory south of Namur, the 1st U.S. Army have taken their line into the Ardennes against the German frontier.

On the Loreine border, the Americans penetrated into the Ardennes, and also got nearer to Metz from the west.

Striking from Sedan, the Allies moved on to Metz, and captured the St. Etienne railway station.

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**Now It's
THEIR
Dunkirk**

From HAROLD MAYES
With the T.A.F. in Belgium.

On Saturday, the Tactical Air Force of Germany attempting a Dunkirk across the Meuse and the estuary of the Scheldt went on all day.

The devastation is comparable with that meted out to the remnants of the German 15th Army along the Seine.

Reckless flying Typhoons attacked waterborne traffic of all descriptions on the canal which connects the island of Belle-Isle, separating the western and eastern mouths of the Scheldt.

Official figures of eleven barges destroyed and over 50 damaged are conservative. Some of the barges were 100 ft. long.

All were heavily laden, and German troop losses are considerable.

Eight guns were also destroyed.

Whole Convoys
Is Wiped Out

On Friday, our pilots caught a long column of 300 to 400 horse-drawn vehicles going north-east from south of Ghent.

By the time the RAF planes had followed the column a considerable way it had been annihilated.

There was just time to see the column in two masses, now to tail, and until our guns were empty.

The bodies of men and horses piled up.

It was probably the greatest carnage ever caused in such a short time to any convoy.

Front Line
Towns Hit Again

German "front line" towns of Mauthausen, Leoben, Graz and Dusseldorf have been heavily attacked yesterday by more than 1,000 British Portfires and Liberators.

The second time in 24 hours as the Allied armies mass for the great land push against the Siegfried Line, bombers, with an escort of up to 500 Mustangs, were sent across "no man's land" to the Western Reich.

On Friday, the Luftwaffe stayed on the ground but crewed its airfields. Twenty-three bombers and four fighters were missing.

Bombers Save
The Bridge

Nazi outposts were trying to blow bridges in front of the U.S. First Army. They were spotted by reconnaissance planes. U.S. Thunderbolts were called in. They attacked the outposts with bombs and bullets. The surviving Germans fled, leaving the bridge intact.

**On To Siegfried Line
25 MILES A DAY
ADVANCE**

From JOSEPH GRIGG, B.U.P. War Correspondent

TANK columns of Gen. Hodges' First U.S. Army are driving forward through Belgium and the Ardennes, towards the Siegfried Line at the rate of 25 miles a day.

They are continuing to sweep like a vast scythe across the countryside, flinging the disordered German rearwards back on to the Siegfried Line.

The most spectacular thrusts are being made over the open country north-east of Waivre, where German tanks are streaking ahead in the face of very slight opposition from scattered German rearwards in the form of mortaring and small arms fire, and some anti-personnel mines.

The country is ideal for armoured operations, and the Germans have obviously longed for such a serious hope of defending it.

"A COMMANDER'S DREAM" When the bulk of their forces have already succeeded in getting behind the Siegfried Line, the Germans are now being outflanked by the British and their prospects of standing and fighting anywhere, so that that line are very "dun" as they say out here.

At least tank columns are pushing across country, one across from the Siegfried Line, and another from the west, and a third from the north-east to reach Neuville.

The actual points reached cannot be disclosed, but it can be said in general terms that some of the Allied spearheads on the Siegfried Line are now being pushed through the Ardennes.

If the present rate of advance is maintained it will not be overlong before we reach the borders of Luxembourg and Germany itself.

GREEK GOVERNMENT MOVES TO NAPLES

Cairo Radio announced last night that the seat of the Greek Government has been transferred to the advance town of Nauplia, where Mr. George Papandreu, the Prime Minister, and most of the ministers have arrived.

**All Ready For
Big Talks With F.D.R.**

**Churchill
Going To
Quebec**

By ROBERT VIVIAN, Quebec, Saturday.

ALL over this historic city there is an atmosphere of intense but suppressed excitement today in anticipation of the conference between Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt.

One official said: "I cannot mention the date, but, when they do arrive, get ready to write big news."

Canadian military officials say they hope the invasion of Japan will be planned here.

Great preparations are being made for the meeting. News correspondents are being housed in the Chateau Frontenac, with its own radio facilities.

Over for official delegates, and two other hotels have been reserved for news, camera and radio men.

The emperor's approval of dispatches that Quebec will definitely be the scene of the meeting under the broadest of "superficial information." People here have been waiting for the coming and goings of high officials.—REUER.

**F.D.R. Bets
On End Of War**

Washington, Saturday. LORD HALIFAX and President Roosevelt have a bet on the date the war will end.

Lord Halifax revealed this when he left the White House this morning.

Lord Halifax said the most interesting bet of the year is a secret.

Lord Halifax refused to say who bet what and how much.

**French
Prisoners Freed**

Paris, Saturday. THE Germans are releasing French prisoners of war from the Aachen district.

They are being released in a mile from the frontier and British forces are only 22 miles off.

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SOVIET PATROLS PUSH INTO EAST PRUSSIA

As Lost For Nazis In Balkans

From DUNCAN HOOPER, Reuter's Special Correspondent

HITLER'S whole Balkans position is irretrievably lost. The Red Army is already moving forward beyond the Transylvanian Alps in the initial stages of a drive which may end in Vienna, though heavy fighting may still be necessary before the Russians and their Allies gain the full reward of their concentric blows.

As Balkans disaster threatens the Germans many hundreds of miles across Europe, Soviet patrols have crossed into East Prussia—a first invasion of German territory from the East—and come back with prisoners.

Like the Balkans developments this East Prussia move is fraught with danger for Germany's reeling armies.

As the troops of General Halder move westward through the Transylvanian Alps, Marshal Tito, the Yugoslav leader, is hampering the German advance, and the Red Army is making a big bound into Bulgaria.

Over the Black Sea the Red Army has taken the final blows at German shipping there.

On the Narve River, which bars the direct route from Poles north of the front, the famous Soviet artillery is now firing at the German defences. The great campaign can be heard from many miles, and last night's front-line messages say that the Red Army is steadily advancing despite grim resistance.

Other reports from the Russian frontiers indicate that Stalin is sheping up for the final battle which will take his forces into Germany.

Battle for Warsaw: A new Soviet offensive against the city has been launched in front of the Polish capital.

A communiqué from General Bors, C-in-C of the Polish Home Army, says that the city is being defended.

"The noise of a distant battle to the east of Warsaw can be heard in the city during the day increased German traffic has been observed in the suburbs of Prague, on the east bank of the Vltava."

An Alsians radio report that Praga has been captured is unconfirmed.

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**Victims' Heads Put In Vice
GESTAPO KILLERS
TORTURED WOMEN**

From RONALD CLARK

WITH the British Forces, Saturday. I HEARD not how to show the atrocity stories. When I heard them I took them with the usual grain of salt.

Now I have seen for myself and have questioned scores of French men and women—and I know better.

It is well for the people of Britain to know these things, even if they do not make peace.

This, then, is the enemy. In the Gestapo torture chamber also they had a special instrument for dealing with French men and women. It was a vice which fitted over the head.

The screw was turned, and turned, until the victim's brains literally burst out. Scores of men were killed in this way.

The Germans hung women up by spokes driven through their hands. Other women were apallingly mutilated.

Some of them think up strange tortures. These Germans. One man, for example, accused of hiding a deserter, was tortured for three days.

The Germans, with exquisite cruelty, forced his arms and seven children to look on. Then they left the man in 19 years' imprisonment in Germany.

His wife was sent to a factory as a work-slave. Driven insane she killed herself by cutting a vein in her arm with a broken spectacle glass.

Another Gestapo trick was to also show them the sufferings of their victims with razor blades. And then the fingers were cut and kept them there for eight days. The hand thus became permanently paralysed.—R.I.P.

**Berlin Says,
"More To Come"**

"I" the British think that the German retaliation is finished they will be surprised.

A German spokesman said this over the German Radio yesterday.

He claimed that Allied air forces had "sifted" 100,000 tons of bombs and hundreds of aeroplanes "on V1."

It is estimated that more than 300 flying-bomb sites have been captured in Northern France; said by cables from Charles Lynch, Reuter's special correspondent with the Canadian Army.

PARIS GETS V1

A German V1 rocket landed in the Paris basin area on Friday, killing four people and injuring 12.—REUER.

CHILDREN first plea

A small quantity of Cadburys Milk Chocolate has been made.

All the food value of the milk is in it—a glass and a half of every half-pound. Supplies are limited but are being distributed fairly in the Western and Southern Zones.

When your turn comes, please remember that growing child in need this extra nourishment most.

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